GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:23
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Shortage of HIV Drugs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of shortage of drugs for HIV treatment in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the HIV/AIDS patients are facing difficulties due to lack of HIV drugs at Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) centres; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make available drugs for treatment of HIV in all ART centres across the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Currently, there are no reports of shortage of ARV drugs at Government ART Centres in the country.

(b) No. No such complaint or report on facing difficulties due to lack of HIV drugs at Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) centers has been received.

(c) National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) through 528 ART and 1108 Link ART centres is committed to providing Antiretroviral drugs to all People living with HIV(PLHIV) registered at these centres as per the national guidelines.

NACO has strengthened supply chain mechanism. An inventory management system (IMS) has been developed and implemented at all ART centres. This is an online system in which pharmacist at ART centre maintains daily stock and consumption of drugs. The same are then monitored at State AIDS Control Society (SACS) & NACO level. In addition, a buffer stock is also maintained factoring in the lead time for procurement. It is also worthwhile to mention that Project Directors SACS have standing instruction to procure the drugs from open market whenever they face shortage for antiretroviral drugs.

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